



November 18, 2015

3:00 pm -5:00 pm

Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence: Multipurpose Room
265 Oxford St, Providence, RI 02905

Members Present: Tanya Booker, MD, Co-Chair; Julie A. Rawlings, Co-Chair; Tanio Palermo, Ed.D; Reginald Tucker-Seeley, ScM; Annajane Yolken, MPH; Daniella Palermo, MD; Ulli Ryder, PhD; Kenya Fullen; Kavita Patel, MBA; Azade Sarah Perin-Monterroso (alternate present); Yvonne Heredia (alternate present); Herberito Gonzalez. Ex-Officio Members: Aleatha Dickerson, MS; Chelsea Seifert (Jim Vincent, alternate); Patricia Threats. Guests: Nichole Alexander-Scott, MD; Angela Ankoma, MSW/MPH; Anne Reeder, RN; David Heckmen, JD.

Members unable to attend: Michael Nina; Marcus Mitchell; Deborah Perry, MA; Georgina Sarpong; Raymond Watson. Ex-Officio Members unable to attend: Kathryn Enright; Steven Floria, MS; Bernie Frezza; Philip Less, PhD; Barbara Morin; Donna Murray; Jared Rhodes.

I. Call to Order

II. October 21, 2015, Meeting Minutes Approval

- a. Julie Rawlings motioned to change an ambiguous sentence in the October 21, 2015 Meeting Minutes. In addition to reaching out to the community, the Community Engagement Subcommittee is also utilizing social media.

III. Public Comments on Agenda

- a. Accepted.

IV. Updates from Co-Chair

- a. Health Equity Newsletter
 - i. Each month, the Commission is responsible for putting in an article for the Health Equity Newsletter. Julie Rawlings would like to have someone from the Commission to work on this newsletter. Angie Ankoma has been providing articles for this newsletter but would like the Commission to submit these articles.
 - ii. The Commission is spotlighted in these articles because Dr. Alexander-Scott wants the Commission for Health Advocacy and Equity to have a larger presence in the Department of Health.
 - iii. Previous topics covered in the newsletter included the recent APHA Conference.
 - iv. The due date is the last week of every month.
 - v. Angie will forward the last Health Equity Newsletter.
 - vi. DOH will make sure that everyone from the Commission gets the Health Equity Newsletter and is signed up to receive the newsletter.
 - vii. What would we like to highlight:
 1. What we are doing
 2. Each Subcommittee does a quarter every year.
 1. Data will go last.
 3. The submission can address what the subcommittee is doing.
- b. Strategic Planning for Commission Updates from Co-Chair Meeting
 - i. Already went over it.
- c. New Commission Member
 - i. Welcome Annajane Yolken!
- d. Attendance Policy in January



- i. Three absences, period. This includes both for the full Commission meeting and Subcommittee meeting. As a reminder, everyone should be signed up for a subcommittee.
- ii. Only when the subcommittee meetings are changed from regular meeting days to an alternative day, the Commission member will not be penalized.

V. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Data: Has been working on the Policy Brief
 - i. Reggie wants to walk through the outline and then make edits and send to everyone.
 - 1. The definitions: health disparity, health inequality, and health equity were defined and voted on in previous meetings.
 - 2. Combined the Robert Wood Johnson report “How do you talk about health disparities?” ... Trying to figure out how to make it colloquial.
 - 3. We have been pushing a health in all policies approach but do we want to talk about health equity in all policies?
 - 4. We need to talk about biological vs social reasons for disparities.
 - 5. We are charged with guiding the state agency.
 - 6. Share a Google doc and everyone provides feedback with track changes.
 - 1. Help us think of a way that we can explain it later in the text.
 - 7. David Heckmen: Knowing your audience is key. Eliminating disparities as goal. And it is not sometimes positively responded to. Depending on particular audiences might not respond well.
 - 1. Dr. A-Scott provides a list of examples of disparities.
 - 2. Legislatures like to balance the budget. You have to talk about where the budget will do well. Efficient is the best way to describe it. There are ways to talk about it.
 - 3. Audience in the General Assembly. This is a great moment because Dr. Ehlinger has put out a focus on Equity.
 - 4. We can find was to weight the numbers: Lost days at school/work
 - 8. RJW: Please read this article first. Will tell you how to read these.
 - ii. Need to have a conversation about the next report.
 - 1. Make the link to homelessness and incarcerations.
 - iii. Presentation on data collection.
- b. Community Engagement
 - i. Social Network: Please go and like. Hit 100 likes by the end of the year.
 - 1. Member spotlight: Nov. is Tanya
 - 1. Having a list of people for each month
 - 2. Spotlight for Agency: Look at organizations that are trying to eliminate health disparities. We should develop these relationships with agencies by putting a spotlight. Example: YMCA.
 - 1. We can start with people who are at the table.
 - 2. Focus on HEZ organization.
 - 3. We can look at YWC
 - 3. Community Engagement is working on this.
 - 4. If there is anything you want to highlight
 - ii. Community Engagement Forum:



1. Dare: wanted to talk about the cost of incarceration with the Commission. This is the meeting for the January meeting.
2. Commission will need to promote.
3. During our regular meeting time and trying to find a state to accommodate.
 1. 150 Washington Street: Roger Williams in downtown Providence with free parking
4. Flyers
5. We should have a discussion about this at the Health Equity Summit. We should support other organizations for this
- c. Policy
- d. Subcommittee (breakout time) 20 minutes

VI. Ex-Officio Updates:

- a. Aleatha Dickerson: Commodity supplemental food programs for low-income seniors. Have a new public affairs officer and Facebook page.
- b. RIPTA Fare-study hearing: Evaluating whether you want to provide passes for the elderly/disabled.

VII. Updates from HEALTH

- a. Adderlin is leaving us. Next week Tuesday at 9:00 am in room 306 we have a get together.
- b. Anne Reeder is a CDC public Health Fellow. Anne is doing an assessment on how we can address this for the state of Rhode Island.
- c. Reorganization chart
- d. Senator Pichardo: who initiate this Commission.
- e. Pleased with the momentum throughout the state in the community.
- f. Find what you want and grasp. Dr. A-Scott will let people know about the activities.
 - i. Wants to be the voice for helping the Commission connect with the state agency when we are moving forward.

VIII. Open Comments

- a. December Full Commission Meeting: is cancelled.
- b. January meeting will be from 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm.

Upcoming meeting dates:

Meeting	Date/Time	Location
Community Engagement	December 1, 2015 Tuesday 10:00 am	Lifespan Community Health Services: 335R Prairie Avenue, Suite 2B Providence, RI 02905
Policy	December 9, 2015 Wednesday at 9:00 am	Neighborhood Health Plan: 299 Promenade St, Providence, RI 02908
Data	December 11, 2015 Friday at 1:00 pm	RI-DOH: 3 Capitol Hill, Rm. 209
Full Commission Meeting	December 16, 2015 Wednesday at 3:00 pm -5:00 pm	Cancelled.